

REMARKS

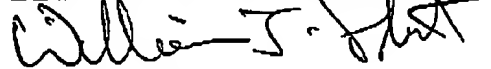
Claims 1-30 are now pending in the application. Claims 27-30 have been added. Claim 3 has been amended to clarify the present invention. Claim 25 has been amended to correct a typographical error. Applicant believes the claims add no new matter. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejections set forth in the Office Action dated February 28, 2004.

Applicants observe that the Advisory Action and Office Action dated February 27, 2004 both do not further discussion on the merits of patentability. Both the Advisory Action and most recent Office Action recite the same superseded block of language from the first Office Action, which the Applicants furthered prosecution by responding to in Response A (and Response B). The Applicants have thoroughly illuminated deficiencies in this block of language and deficiencies in application of the prior art of record, while the Advisory Action and most recent Office Action both redundantly recite the same block of language and fail to acknowledge, address or traverse advancing remarks. Applicants point to the Response filed on May 26, 2004, whose remarks have not yet been traversed or addressed. If the current rejections stand in subsequent correspondence from the Patent Office, Applicants respectfully request recitation in the correspondence as to where the prior art of record traverses arguments made in previous Responses.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request a Notice of Allowance from the Examiner. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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